



CITY OF PITTSFIELD

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE, CITY HALL, 70 ALLEN STREET, RM 205, PITTSFIELD, MA 01201

MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2017 6:00 P.M. CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Attendance:

Committee: James Conant (JC), Thomas Cracolici (TC); John Dickson (JD); Shirley Edgerton (SE) Alexandra Groff (AG); Sheila Irvin (SI); George Moran (GM); Danielle Steinmann (DS); Simon Muil (SM)

Other attendees: CJ Hoss, City Planner (CH)

JC called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

1) ROLL CALL

A quorum was present.

2) COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PLAN – PRESENTATION AND PUBLIC INPUT (Powerpoint slides are enclosed).

JC introduced CH to begin the presentation. CH welcomed the attendees and proceeded to provide an overview of the Community Preservation Act and the tasks the City has taken to date to implement the program. The Committee is beginning the process of developing a Preservation Plan, which is required by the Community Preservation Act legislation to help inform decisionmaking on how funding should be spent and specific priorities of the community prior to accepting or entertaining applications for CPA funds. CH explained that once the meeting adjourned, attendees would be provided stickers and pens to indicate their support for each of the eligible CPA funding categories and projects that could be funded through those categories and that there would be at least one public hearing and a public input survey to allow for the collection of as much input as possible. A question from the audience was asked related to how much funding would be available and when the state matching dollars would be provided to the City. CH answered that the first year would result in approximately \$420,000 in funding and that the state match would be submitted to the City in October or November 2018 and would be in the 10-15% range. The next question asked was if the City intended to spend the funds on small projects or fewer large projects. CH responded that the public process would inform whether the community had any preferences on the types of projects to be funded. The following questions asked specifics on the types of projects that could potentially be funded. CH provided a brief explanation, but also explained that the application process would allow for a more brief eligibility application prior to the submission of a more in depth funding application.

3) ADJOURNMENT

GM made a motion to adjourn at 6:25 pm, seconded by DS.

Submitted by CJ Hoss, City Planner.